

NEW THIS WEEK:

- GEAR UP Updates
- Optional Professional Development
- Resources
- Research
- News
- Funding Opportunities
- Student Scholarships & Opportunities
- Free GEAR UP Workshops
- Calendar of Events

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

Did you know?

Every income-eligible senior who takes the SAT using a fee waiver will receive **4 college application fee waivers** from the College Board. These waivers will be delivered online to eligible students starting in late August.

Source: [College Board](#)

GEAR UP UPDATES

- **Updated!** [WA State GEAR UP Coordinator Manual](#). The Year 5 manual can be found: <http://gearup.wa.gov/grant-management>
- **Registration Open!** [Pave the Way Conference 2015](#). This P20 event focuses on advancing equity, access, readiness, and support for underserved students. Oct. 5-6, Tacoma.
- [GEAR UP West 2015](#). Oct. 18-10. Boise, ID. Register and make [hotel reservations now at one of these hotels](#).
- **Job Opening:** [GEAR UP Student Support Interventionist](#) at CHOICE HS, Shelton SD.

OPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Webinar:** [College and Career Development](#). A practical guide to college and career development planning for counselors. **Wed., Sept. 2, 1:30 PM.**
- [WCHSCR Fall Counselor Workshops](#). Network and get updates from OSPI, WSAC, and public/private postsecondary institutions. Locations vary. Dates in Sept. See link.
- [OSPI Fall Regional Workshops for School Counselors](#). Will cover the College Readiness Initiative Replication Project — a college and career guidance/counseling program for middle and high schools, the new online High School and Beyond Plan, activity-based leadership training, and more. Locations vary. Dates in Oct/ Nov.
- [ACT College and Career Readiness Workshops](#). Workshops in Renton, Richland, Spokane, and Vancouver this Oct /Nov for educators/ counselors.
- [College Board's Annual High School Counselor Workshops](#). Learn about the redesigned assessments and more. Renton: 9/22, Spokane: 9/24, & Tacoma: 9/25. Virtual/Online workshops in Sept.

RESOURCES

- **New!** ["Where Are You Going?" Booklets Ready](#). Get updated career guides from the Workforce Board. Order your copies at: <http://wtb.wa.gov/CareerGuide.asp>
- [The Mindset Kit](#). Developed by Stanford researchers. Free resource for educators and parents. Includes short self-paced modules to learn about growth mindset and how to apply it in the classroom and at home.
- [College Access and Success for Students Experiencing Homelessness: A Toolkit for Educators and Service Providers](#). This toolkit serves as a comprehensive resource on the issue of higher education access and success for homeless students.
- **Handouts:** [New Ready WA Back-To-School Handout \(In 16 Languages\)](#). Provides high-level info on Washington's K-12 learning standards and assessments. [SBAC Score Student and Family Handout](#). Learn which WA colleges use SBAC Scores to place students in entry-level college courses.

- [WeRNative.org](#). This website is a comprehensive health resource for and by Native youth. Includes information on education and life skills.
- [KnowBullying](#). This free app (for families) from SAMHSA features conversation starters, tips, warning signs, reminders, and an educator section.
- [New TI Free Classroom Activities Center](#). Browse and download free, standards-aligned activities designed for the complete line of TI Graphing Calculators.
- [Codecademy](#). Learn how to code. Free online programming.
- [7 Options to Consider if You Didn't Receive Enough Financial Aid](#). Here are some ideas to consider to help fill the gap between what your financial aid covers and what you owe the institution.
- [How to Get a Great Letter of Recommendation](#). The following advice is easy to follow and can really pay off. See also: [Fatal Errors To Avoid In Your Personal Statement](#).

RESEARCH

- [Good Jobs Are Back: College Graduates Are First in Line](#). The key finding revealed that 2.8 million good jobs went to college graduates.
- [Beyond Financial Aid](#). Lumina looks at how colleges can strengthen the financial stability of low-income students and improve outcomes. See also: [A Benchmark for Making College Affordable](#).
- [Poor Health Impacts Motivation, Ability to Learn](#). An ECS report says addressing health concerns is an underutilized, yet promising, strategy to help break the cycle of poverty.
- [Dispelling Stereotypes of Young People Who Leave School Before Graduation](#). Society rarely thinks of dropouts as determined, resourceful, or resilient.

IN THE NEWS

Please send any media coverage to Katherine at katherinek@wsac.wa.gov. We want to feature you here and in our newsroom: <http://gearup.wa.gov/news>.

- [15 Freak Outs You Will Have Your First Year Of College](#). Rest assured it's totally normal. You'll learn to cope with all these things throughout your first year and be better off for it.
- [A New Way to Define 'Affordable' College](#). Lumina shares the "Rule of 10".
- [How to Age Gracefully](#). People of all ages offer words of wisdom to their younger counterparts.
- [Best Bang for the Buck" Annual Ratings](#). This list is designed to be a useful resource for low to mid-level income families. Check out how many WA institutions made the cut!
- [SBAC Scores Are Released and Graduation Scores are Set](#). What does it mean?
- [Viewpoint: Why I Used To Carry My College Rejection Letters In My Backpack](#). The individual decisions that students make will end up having a far greater impact on their lives than any executive verdict from an admissions committee.
- [The Funniest Back-To-School Pep Talk You May Have Missed](#). Let [Kid President](#) boost your energy with his funny, on-point advice to go out and make the world more awesome.
- [Early Medical-School Training Will Shift To Spokane](#). More doctors in the first years of their training will study in on the east side of the Cascades than the west.

SCHOLARSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

- [Target Accepting Applications for K-12 Field Trips](#). Maximum award: \$700. Eligibility: K-12 schools with tax-exempt status under 501(c)(3). Due Sept. 30.

<u>Courage to Grow Scholarship</u>	\$500 scholarship given monthly for high school juniors or seniors with a 2.5 GPA or better; requires an essay	8/31
<u>U.S. Bank Scholarship Program</u>	Complete a series of Financial Genius for Life online learning modules for a chance to win a \$5,000 scholarship.	9/17
<u>Siemens: Competition in STEM</u>	Maxi. award: \$100,000 college scholarship. Eligibility: students must enrolled in high school (grades 9-12) during the 2015-16 school year, individually or as a team.	9/22

QuestBridge National College Match	Online platform that helps outstanding low-income high school seniors gain admission and full 4-year scholarships to some of the nation's most selective colleges.	9/28
Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship	Applicants must submit two small essays, one related to travel, & the other on why they deserve a scholarship. Must be 16-25, w/ 2.5 GPA or greater. US citizenship required. \$500.	9/30
Horatio Alger Scholarship	Provides six \$5,000 scholarships to students who have exhibited integrity and perseverance in overcoming personal adversity and who aspire to pursue higher education.	10/25
NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing	Honors young women in HS for their computing-related achievements and interests. Awardees are selected for their computing and IT aptitude, leadership ability, academic history, and plans for postsecondary education. Applications are accepted from Sept. 15 – Oct. 31 each year.	10/26
Act Six Leadership and Scholarship Initiative	The NW's only full-tuition, full-need scholarship for emerging urban and community leaders who want to use their college education to make a difference on campus and in their communities at home.	10/27
CTE Month 2016 PSA Video Contest	Winners will be selected by ACTE's Board of Directors and announced at CareerTech VISION 2015 in New Orleans, LA.	10/30
Disney Dreamers Academy Applications	For young leaders (ages 13- 19) with a winning combination of attributes that reflect strong character, positive attitude, and persistence to take advantage of opportunities.	10/30
Coca-Cola Scholarships	50 four-year \$20,000 scholarships and 200 four-year \$10,000 scholarships. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, and their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities.	10/31
For more info, see: Gearup.wa.gov's scholarship section & check out thewashboard.org !		

FREE GEAR UP STUDENT, FAMILY, & EDUCATOR WORKSHOPS

- **GEAR UP EDI (UW)**, Roseann London, rmlondon@u.washington.edu
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To view the Calendar of Events for WAGU and also partner events related to access, visit:

<http://www.gearup.wa.gov/calendar>.

- 9/19/15: **WSU Future Cougar Day**. Come see WSU in action! We'll show you what it's like to be a Cougar for a day. Please contact the Group Visit office at 509-335-7345.
- 9/29/15: **PNACAC Spring College Fair-Portland**. Attendance is free and open to students, parents, and educators.
- 10/10/15: **Beyond HB 1079 Conference**. The conference will be broken up into four parts, one for high school students, one for college students, one for educators, and one for the parents. Everett Community College.